

46. The method of Claim 42, wherein the emulsifier is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, aryl, glycol ethoxylate, propoxylate, butoxylate, and sulfonate based emulsifiers.
47. The method of Claim 42, wherein the emulsion includes a growth regulator.

REMARKS

The Applicants have carefully reviewed the Second Office Action December 30, 1999. The Examiner has objected to Dependent Claims 6, 26 and 27 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but states that the claims "would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, the Applicant has amended Independent Claim 1 to included all of the limitations of Claim 6, there being no intervening claims. Accordingly. The Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 1 should now be allowable as well as all dependant claims (2-5, 7-24) now in this application.

The Examiner has allowed Claims 33 and 35 because the prior art does not teach a method that involves the application of the elected composition onto plants. The Applicant has amended the application to include additional claims dependent on allowed independent Claims 33. Claim 43 has been added describe the method of spraying plants using a pesticide formed from a vegetable oil and an emulsifier and applying the pesticide using water to the surface of the plants. As stated on page 17, lines 14 - 16 of the subject specification: "In fact, it has been found that the use of the vegetable oil of the present invention operates effectively as a pesticide to reduce insect damage." The further submits that they are unable to find any reference that teaches spraying plants by applying a pesticide comprising vegetable oil and an emulsifier and applying same using water. Accordingly, new independent claim 43 should be allowable.

The rejection of Claims 1-3, 8 and 25 as being rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Inoue is respectfully traversed.

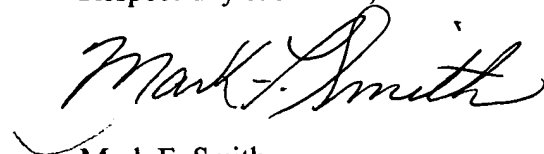
The Applicant respectfully submits that as previously stated, Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite all of the limitations of dependent Claim 6 and requires a "vegetable oil is selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, palm oil, rapeseed oil, soya oil, and

sunflower oil.” In contrast, the Applicant is unable to find in the cited reference a composition comprising about 40% to about 90% by weight of vegetable oil selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, palm oil, rapeseed oil, soya oil, and sunflower oil. Accordingly, as previously stated, Claim 1 all claims dependent on Claim 1 should now be allowable.

Referring to independent Claim 25, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 25 recites a pre-emulsion concentrate comprising a crude vegetable oil selected from the group consisting of coconut oil, corn oil, cottonseed oil, palm oil, rapeseed oil, and sunflower oil. The Applicant is unable to find any such oils disclosed in the cited reference. Accordingly, the cited reference does not disclose the composition of Claim 25.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the Claims now pending are allowable over the art of record. Reconsideration of all claims now in this application is respectfully requested.

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